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# H. R. 7618

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself and Mr. MAGAZINER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Battlefield  
5 Protection Program Amendments Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM**  
2 **GRANT PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) REAUTHORIZATION OF BATTLEFIELD ACQUI-  
4 TION GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 308103(f) of title 54,  
5 United States Code, is amended by striking “2028” and  
6 inserting “2036”.

7 (b) BATTLEFIELD INTERPRETATION MODERNIZA-  
8 TION GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 308104 of title 54,  
9 United States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “50” and in-  
11 serting “75”; and

12 (2) by striking subsection (d).

13 (c) BATTLEFIELD RESTORATION GRANT PRO-  
14 GRAM.—Section 308105 of title 54, United States Code,  
15 is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “50” and in-  
17 serting “75”; and

18 (2) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the  
19 following:

20 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
21 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to pro-  
22 vide grants under section 308104 and this section  
23 \$2,000,000 for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2036.”.

1 **SEC. 3. FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR AND MEXICAN-AMER-**  
2 **ICAN WAR SITES STUDIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior  
4 (acting through the Director of the National Park Service)  
5 (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”), shall pre-  
6 pare studies of sites and structures located in the United  
7 States that are thematically tied with nationally signifi-  
8 cant events that occurred during—

9 (1) the French and Indian War from 1754–  
10 1763; and

11 (2) the Mexican-American War from 1846–  
12 1848.

13 (b) CONTENTS.—The studies prepared under sub-  
14 section (a) shall—

15 (1) identify French and Indian War and Mexi-  
16 can-American War sites, respectively, located within  
17 the United States;

18 (2) determine the relative significance of the  
19 identified sites;

20 (3) assess short- and long-term threats to the  
21 integrity of the identified sites; and

22 (4) provide alternatives for the preservation and  
23 interpretation of the identified sites by the Federal  
24 Government, State, local, and Tribal governments,  
25 or other public or private entities, including potential

1 designation of the identified sites as units of the Na-  
2 tional Park System, as appropriate.

3 (c) CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS STUDIES AND RE-  
4 PORTS.—In preparing the studies under subsection (a),  
5 the Secretary shall consider and may include information  
6 from previous studies and reports relating to French and  
7 Indian War or Mexican-American War historic sites pre-  
8 pared by the National Park Service, the American Battle-  
9 field Trust, or other historic preservation organizations,  
10 as appropriate.

11 (d) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the studies under  
12 subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

- 13 (1) the Governor of each affected State;
- 14 (2) each affected Indian Tribe;
- 15 (3) each affected unit of local government;
- 16 (4) the American Battlefield Trust and other  
17 national, Tribal, State, and local historic preserva-  
18 tion organizations; and
- 19 (5) other interested entities or persons.

20 (e) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2  
21 years after the date on which funds are made available  
22 to carry out the studies under subsection (a), the Sec-  
23 retary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-  
24 gress a report that describes the results of the studies.

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